State Of South Dakota

EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION FOR VALOR

Office Of The Governor

As one of ten children, Janet Dylla has always displayed a growing maturity and leadership in the eyes of her younger siblings. To them, she is a sister they can look up to and respect. To her parents, Janet is a lifesaver.

On April 4, 1982, Janet awoke at 2:30 a.m. to the smell of wood smoke in her family's Andover area farmhouse. The heavy smoke, which permeated the entire house, caused Janet to start, for her folks were away and her younger brothers and sisters were still asleep. She knew she would have to act quickly to avoid a disaster.

Waking the other children, Janet hurried them outdoors and herded them into a family pickup for warmth. While the four groggy children, dressed only in their night clothes, huddled together in their sleepy confusion, Janet rushed back into the house to call the fire department. It was no easy task. Battling the heavy, noxious smoke as well as the biting chill of an early spring night, Janet was finally able to make her important call. She then ran through the snow back to the truck to bring coats to her shivering brothers and sisters. When the fire truck arrived, the fire was contained and the damage was limited.

The Fire Chief and the others involved all remarked at the calm and efficient manner that was displayed by Janet Dylla. Because of her steady and pragmatic demeanor, a tragedy had most certainly been alleviated. The Dylla family is very proud of Janet and they have every right to be. She is a heroine, not only to her family, but to the citizens of South Dakota as well.

We are happy to present Janet Dylla with this special recognition. She has brought pride to her family and a happy ending to this story.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

JANET DYLLA

who has demonstrated responsibility, leadership, and the ability to make sensible decisions under pressure. We are grateful for the tragedy that never was . . . thanks to Janet.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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